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FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

PINE BARREN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH, PINE APPLE, WILCOX CO., ALABAMA,

September 13th, 14th, 15th, 1893.

OFFICERS:

D. W. RAMSEY, Moderator, Pine Apple, Ala.
DANIEL COOK, Clerk, Camden, Ala.
J. W. PURIFOY, Treasurer, Furman, Ala.

The next annual session will be held with Concord Church, Buena Vista, Monroe County, Alabama, Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in September, it being September 12th 1894.

MINUTES.

The Pine Barren Baptist Association, held its forty-fourth annual session with the Friendship Baptist Church, Pine Apple, Wilcox County, Alabama on Wednesday, Sept. 13th, A. D. 1893.

The annual sermon was preached by Elder J. B. Powell, from Dreuteronomy, 8th chapter and 2nd verse.

After a recess of one hour and a half, the messengers assembled in the meeting house. The Association was called to order by Elder D. W. Ramsey, the former Moderator, and opened with religious exercises by Elder S. O. Y. Ray.

The letters from the churches were read by Brethren Sam C. Cook, W. H. Watt, J. K. P. Robson and the messengers' names enrolled, viz:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Pine Level—T. E. Heaton, W. B. Taylor.
Monterey—J. W. Till, T. E. Knight.
Fellowship—Robert Donald, J. E. Knight.
Bethsaida—J. W. Purifoy, Dabney Palmer, B. W. Watson, T. M. Watson, J. K. P. Robson.
Ackerville—J. T. Powell, W. A. J. Albriton, W. W. Stewart.
Allenton—J. H. McWilliams, J. C. Walthall.
Mt. Hope———
Camden—T. M. Fletcher, D. McLeod, E. I. Bailey, Jr.
Rock West—Sam J. Ervin, Daniel Cook.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Shackelville—J. J. Faile, B. T. Saucer, Sr.
Forest Home—J. T. Moncrief, J. G. Reynolds, W. H. Watt, H. E. Carter.
Enon—T. H. Cowart, J. B. Tait, J. J. E. Watson.
Mt. Pisgah—J. T. Dean, L. B. Pound.
Friendship—W. J. Melton, J. M. Cone, H. E. Melton, D. E. Beard, W. M. Watts, D. W. Ramsey.
New Providence—J. B. Powell.
Butler Springs—S. Moore, A. A. Sims.
Bear Creek—D. P. Watts, L. M. Rowell, D. J. Philpot.
Gullett's Bluff—Sam C. Cook, C. C. Sellers.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Mt. Pleasant—J. D. Letcher, H. M. Lawrence, J. W. Roberson.

Liberty———————

Midway—John Hardy, W. A. Smith, F. M. Hegdon, J. C. Anthony.

Indian Springs—W. L. Fort, Thomas Holoway. .

Flat Creek.

Pineville—John Sanders, G. M. Parker, J. B. Harper, S. D. Andrews, Sr., S. D. Andrews, Jr.

Concord—G. W. Riley, J. T. Burson, J. W. Riley.

New Hope—J. T. Davison, W. R. Black.

Bethel—J. J. Roberson, Sr., J. J. Roberson, Jr.

Bells Landing—Andy Burges.

Contennial———————

Proceeded to the election of officers which resulted in the re-election of Elder D. W. Ramsey, Moderator; Bro. Daniel Cook, Clerk; Bro. J. W. Purifoy, Treasurer.

Appointed the deacons of Friendship Church, with Elder G. M. Parker and S. D. Andrews a Committee on Religious Services during the session.

Called for letters petitioning for membership.

Received by correspondence, viz: W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary of State Mission Board. Prof. S. W. Averett, President Judson Female Institute; Dr. C. C. Jones, Howard College.

Appointed committees to report during the session, viz; State of Religion of Digest of the letters, J. B. Powell, J. K. P. Robson, D. E. Beard.

Queries, Requests and Nominations—F. M Fletcher, J. T. Burson, J. C. Wathall.

Apportionments—S. C. Cook, E. I. Bailey, Jr., W. H. J. Albriton, F. E. Heaton.

Finance—W. H. Watts, H. E. Melton, J. E. Knight.

Bro. J. W. Purifoy, Treasurer, made his report for the last associational year which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Committee on Woman's Work by proxy for Bro. W. V. Middleton reported as follows, to wit:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Missionary work appeals to the heart of every Christian, for it is the spirit and example of the Gospel. With great pride we report the work for "God and home, and every land," by our

consecrated faithful and zealous Baptist women. Never since the women of Galilee ministered unto the Saviour have women been so active in His service. They realize fully, and have proved by their example to the civilized world at large that "Knowing, Praying and Giving are the three strands of the rope by which the car of missions is drawn."

The suggestion made and adopted at our late Nashville Convention—that more interest should be shown in training younger people for missionary work—is being carried out by the noble example and teachings of these consecrated Baptist women.

Since the organization of Woman's Missionary Union (auxiliary to S. B. C.) five years ago at Richmond, Va., there has been a steady increase from $17,000 (to both boards) to $62,376.75. These figures prove two incontestable facts: That organization has developed women and has not been detrimental to the churches.

Alabama became a member of this organization at the close of its second year, 1890. The Committee on Woman's Work in Alabama was appointed by the Baptist State Convention at its annual meeting in Selma, November, 1889. As the fruits of Woman's Work in Alabama for 1890, we report the amount $1,296.43, number of bands 20. Contrast this with work of the past year which shows $6,198.33 and number of societies 251. (A Baptist Orphanage has been established), liberal provision has been made to support Pura Covra at the Judson Institute, four Cuban girls are being cared for in the Havana school; the Anniston Sunbeams are educating a boy in the boy's school in Mexico, while the Sunbeams of the South Side Church, Birmingham, are educating a girl at Mader Institute.

The women of the Birmingham Association are supporting Miss Anna B. Hartwell in Canton.

The Christmas offering for Japan was $533.25. Twenty boxes have been sent to frontier missions valued at $900.

Woman's Work for past year in Pine Barren Association not having been published we regret that we are unable to give correct and full information. Our former Vice President, Mrs. Clara Ansley, is now Matron of our Baptist Orphanage at Evergreen. Mrs. Jas. Farley of Camden, now holds this position.

We have however noticed with pride the growing interest that is being manifested by the churches of our Association. There is an increase in number of societies as well as missionary offerings, and a growing interest on the part of older members to encourage and bring young people forward in this noble work.

We hope by the deliberations and co-operations of this Association that a greater zeal and work may be done in the near future. Respectfully submitted,

M. V. Middleton, Chairman.

The Moderator announced that Bro. W. N. Huckabee would preach a missionary sermon at 7 p. m., and that a collection for missions would be taken. After a prayer by Bro. W. D. Hubbard the Association adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, a. m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14—Morning Session.

The Association met at the hour appointed and opened with singing and prayer by Bro. W. N. Huckabee. The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted. The report on State Missions was made by Bro. G. M. Parker as follows, towit:

STATE MISSIONS.

It is the opinion of your committee that there has not been a time since the inauguration of our State Mission work when our people needed more to be stimulated and instructed along this line of christian endeavor than now.

We find that the cause of State Missions is suffering greatly in consequence of the financial stringency of the times, together with other causes which it is needless to mention in this report.

The board is greatly behind in its collections and is therefore necessarily embarrassed in its finances. It has not—owing to meagre contributions in the past few months—been able to pay the salaries of its missionaries promptly. We are informed that several hundreds of dollars are now past due to these men of God. They cannot continue their labors without support, neither ought they to be compelled to do without the living due them for past labors.

There are vast and numerous unoccupied fields within the borders of the convention Our great State is growing yearly in population. Hordes of unchristianized people are filling our territory, bringing with them Romanized Godlessness. These ought to be met by the Baptists of the State with the pure gospel of Jesus Christ.

Many of the places already occupied are threatened with abandonment—the result of the falling off in the contributions of our people to this work. The board has indicated its purpose to make some changes in the direction of its efforts for the future.

It desires, as far as may be practicable, to have an active colporteur at work in every association in the State. Further, to employ a sufficient number of district evangelists to reach, stimulate and indoctrinate the great hosts of our people throughout the State, and to preach the gospel as well to the unsaved: and to assist the scores of our churches which are without any regular preaching in securing efficient pastors.

The outline of future work here indicated would, in the opinion of your committee, be an eminently wise course for your board to pursue. The results would be gratifying in the extreme. Our numbers, of which we sometimes boast and are justly proud, would be greatly augmented; and, instead of hordes of undrilled recruits, we would be a *great army* of God's soldiery, so thoroughly disciplined and equipped that we would be invincible and sure of achieving great victories for truth in the near future.

As the churches of Jesus Christ we can not afford to go backward in our mission work. Every circumstance and environment of the age requires that we push forward with energy and determination.

To give relief to the missionaries already on the field, and to accomplish the grand results in the future which are so easily within our grasp—yet dependent upon the indicated purpose of the board being carried out—we must largely increase our contributions of money to the cause represented in this paper. Without this the State Board of Missions, which is our created agent, is powerless. The board being the agent of the churches, naturally and of right looks to them for the means with which to meet all its obligations and do the work which ought to be wrought in the future.

Each church, therefore, is morally bound to contribute its share in supplying the needs of the board.

With systematized work in the churches the means will be furnished the board for doing the work entrusted to its care; but without system we may not look for improvement along this line.

The thirty churches composing this Association contributed during the last associational year $189 00 to this most important department of our missionary work. Your committee can not tell whether there is an increase for this year or not;

but, if the churches will use hereafter the system suggested by the secretary of the board, this amount will be easily trebled during the next year of our labors.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. M. PARKER, Chairman.

Discussed by Brethren G. M. Parker, W. B. Crumpton, W. N. Huckabee.

At 11 o'clock a. m., Bro. John W. Stewart preached a very good sermon and at its conclusion the Association adjourned to meet at half past one o'clock p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 14.

The Association met at the hour appointed and opened with singing and prayer. The Association then resumed business. The report on Home Missions was made by Elder A. P. Majors, as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

Is not a thing of the past but the present and the future.

The Southern Baptist convention attempted great things for God, and the good of the people on southern soil, and eternity alone will unfold the grand results.

Think of the territory she covers and the population to care for. Twenty million of people and only two and a half million of them Baptists. Seven million or more are negroes; and think of their deplorable condition; and the Indian Territory, so many not evangelized. Let the Love of Christ constrain us to help them, and see the growing population around our large cities from the four quarters of the earth; and think of Cuba, our neighbor; what has been done for her by the board and yet much to do. One woman brought Diaz to Christ and now we have 2,261 Baptists there. The great city of New Orleans, that is flooded with enemies to right; and think what the two brethren pursers are doing there under direction of this Board. The Baptist cause is growing stronger and will soon be self sustaining like many other points that have been helped and are not only paying back what they have received but are doubling their contribution. Foreign emigrants are daily coming to our ports, just think, in one year 550,319 came and of our sixty-four million, one in every seven is foreign born; one in every three is of foreign parentage and one in every six is foreign speaking.

Germanys' hard times sent us 30,000 in the last year. Famine and banishment in Russia sent us 60,000 to 100,000, and other foreign nations seconded them. Soldiers of Christ gird your armor on, and be ready to meet them with the gospel, for we can do all things though Christ that strengthens us. But how sad, that so many of our people join the Baptist church with the decision of the Indians when they set there feet on Alabama soil: *Here we can rest.* Yea, sayeth our God, wo unto them that are at ease in Zion. What we are going to do let us do quickley. Send more money and we will have more work done. Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in. We have 368 missionaries in this field of labor. They have baptized 5,111 members, organized 412 Sunday Schools, having 16,611 teachers and pupils, constituted 155 churches, built 92 houses of worship.

To God be the glory, but the work is ours. A penny a day from all and we will soon have the victory. May the Lord give us more grace and we will give more money.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. MAJORS, Chairman.

Discussed by Brethren Majors, W. B. Crumpton, S. O. Y. Ray, Daniel Cook, and adopted.

Brother S. J. Anesley made a verbal report on Colportage Work.

Had remarks from John W. Stewart on system of church collections, manner of same, &c.

Report on Denominational Education was read by Bro. W. D. Hurbert, and is as follows, to-wit:

DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

We, your committee to whom was referred the subject of Denominational Education, beg leave to submit the following:

We urge that all students of our denomination, and especially ministerial students, be sent to Howard College. That our young ladies be sent nowhere but to Dr. Averett at the Judson. Dear to the hearts of our people are these time-honored institutions.

During the past year there were about twenty young men studying at Howard College and nine at the Theological Seminary.

We learn with regret that the Board of Ministerial Education has fallen behind more than a thousand dollars on last year. Without immediate action on the part of the denomination of

the state they cannot assume the support of any young men.

We further recommend that our Sunday schools order their literature from our board at Nashville.

W. A. J. ALBRITTON.

Report on Ministerial Education was made by Bro. W. N. Huckabee and was considered along with Denominational Education.

We, your committee to whom was referred the subject of Ministerial Education submit the following report:

During the last scholastic year our Board of Ministerial Education found a deficit in their accounts of several hundred dollars. Announcement has been made by the President, Dr. Cleveland, that our young men can not be sent to school by that Board unless the churches furnish the cash. This your committee believes is just and right. We can't expect three brethren to assume the expenses of our young men at the Howard and the Seminary. Neither can we expect the faculty of Howard College, or that of the Seminary to board and train these ministers free. It is enough that they teach them free, and therefore we must furnish the cash and relieve our Board.

We would urge upon all young men who feel called of God to preach to make an extra effort to obtain a finished education. In some instances this will be impossible. But let not the brother who is not able to take a collegiate course despair of his calling and conclude that the Lord has no use for him. The different conditions of human society, and the environments surrounding different communities seem to call loudly for a graded ministry. And at the same time let not the more fortunate brother dis-esteem his less fortunate one; but in love esteem him highly for his work's sake All honor to the noble heroes of the cross who have gone before us, and are now engaged with us, who without a finished education have planted the banner of King Manuel all over our state and county. Whenever this state of things exists prejudice against Ministerial Education will be no more.

Your committee can not close this report without urging upon all young ministers to attend not only Howard College but to take a course at the Seminary in Louisville.

W. H. HUCKABEE,
F. M. FLETCHER,
DANIEL MCLEOD,

Discussed by Brethren S. W. Averett, Dr. C. C. Jones, D. W. Ramsey, W. N. Huckabee, and was adopted.

Bro. John W. Stewart made a verbal report of the Baptist Orphanage at Evergreen, Alabama.

The Moderator announced that Bro. S. O. Y. Ray would preach at 7 p. m. and that at its conclusion Bro. John W. Stewart would talk about the Baptist Orphan's Home.

After singing and prayer the Association adjourned to meet to morrow at 8:30 o'clock, a. m.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH—MORNING SESSION.

The Association was opened with singing and prayer by Bro. J. D. Letcher.

Report on Flat Creek church was made by Bro. G. M. Parker, who was appointed to visit the church. Was discussed by Brethren Dabney, Palmer, D. Cook, J. M. Cone. Brother S. C. Cook moved that a committee of one, consisting of Rev. W. N. Huckabee, be appointed to visit Flat Creek church, which was adopted.

A committee was appointed to visit Centennial church, consisting of Rev. J. B. Powell and Bro. J. T. Burson.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Brother S. J. Ansley as follows, to-wit:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

From the last report of the Foreign Mission Board we learn that the board has missions in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Japan, 74 missionaries, 21 ordained native helpers, 57 unordained native helpers, 75 organized churches with membership of 2,923: 383 baptisms reported, and $5,368.42 contributed from its mission fields during the last conventional year of 1892 '93. During the year Alabama gave for Foreign Missions $11,504.00. Of this amount this Association gave $186.00 approximately. Alabama was called upon to contribute $15,000 to the "Centennial fund." Notwithstanding the great financial depression about $13,000 of this amount has been contributed. Alabama stands fourth in the column of states in Centennial contributions. These things are encouraging and show that progress has been made; but how imperative the need of greater progress!

The great subject of Missions touches a responsive chord in the minds and hearts of every christian, when unprejudiced, properly informed as to his duty, and filled with the spirit of the

Master. Missions, in its true sense, means the carrying out of the great commission: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Obviously "the field is the world." No place or individual is to be overlooked by the laborers whom the Master has called, and as long as there is a single creature in the world who has not heard the "good news" of salvation, this last command of our Savior stands only partly obeyed. God holds us responsible, not for the conversion of the world, but for the preaching of the gospel to every creature. Evidently, then, while the duty to preach the gospel everywhere is urgent, it is most imperative in those fields which have never been reached by the heralds of truth. Thus, the Foreign Mission work, while farthest from us in distance, is nearest to us in duty.

Every country, with perhaps one exception, has been opened for the reception of the gospel. Many are begging for the bread of eternal life. God has impressed many of His servants with the duty to carry the gospel to the benighted souls of foreign lands. They stand asking to be sent by these providential signals, as well as by the direct orders given in His word. God calls upon us to give the gospel to the benighted nations of the earth. Further, we claim to be *Missionary* Baptists. Thus we distinguish ourselves from the "Primitive" and "Independent" Baptists. This should mean that we heartily endorse and support the mission movement; but it does not. This Association has a membership of more than 2.000. It gave, last year, for Home, State and Foreign Missions $470.64, being about twenty cents *per capita*. Twenty cents a year for missions, while millions are dying each month without the gospel! and many professed followers of Christ give nothing! Brothers, let us increase our contributions and our missionary efforts generally, or else quit calling ourselves "Missionaries." Let us say to the Foreign Mission Board, "Send forth all the men whom God has called, we will stand behind you with our prayers, sympathies and liberal contributions." But, brethren, let us be patient, faithful, persevering in our efforts to teach those who are not properly enlightened on the subject of missions, knowing that a lack of such instructions is one cause of our meagre contributions. Further, let us adopt plans of systematic giving, laying by each week according as the Lord has prospered us.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. Ansley,
S. Moore,
D. P. Watts,
Committee.

The subject was discussed by Brethren John W. Stewart, J. B. Powell, Dabney Palmer and adopted.

After singing and prayer the Association adjourned to meet at 1 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15.

The Association met at the hour appointed and after singing and prayer resumed business.

A resolution was offered by Bro. Sam C. Cook and adopted as follows, to-wit:

Resolved, That the first Saturday in March, June, September and December be days set apart by the churches of this Association as special days of prayer for the success and prosperity of all our mission work.

Report on Sabbath Schools was made by Bro. S. C. Cook as follows, to-wit:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Line upon line, precept upon precept has been written on the subject of Sabbath Schools while District, State and Sabbath School Conventions have been called and the subject discussed until it would seem that if writing, speaking and talking would have perfected this institution the goal shouid have well nigh been teached, but alas, for the perfection of human institutions. If however we will pause and compare the Sunday School of to-day comprising our improved liturature, diagrams, maps and soul stirring songs with those of the past we will readily see rapid strides in the way of progress which should encourage us to go forward with renewed efforts. If there is an institution opposing human degeneracy and throwing a shield over the youths of our land it is the Sunday School; like most moral causes it operates slowly but surely. No immoral community regards the Sabbath. The prisons of our land would teach us a useful lesson and show that they had scarcely a tenant within their walls who had not begun his career of crime by breaking the Sabbath. Blackstone in his commentaries on the laws of England, remarks that a corruption of morals usually follows a profanation of the Sabbath. Next to Christianity and the church itself the Sunday School is the most important factor in the moral and religious training of the young, for as the compass plant found upon the desert waste serves to point the

bewildered traveler on his desired way, so, amid the inexperienced dangers and follies of youth, and even in after years when we have severed from the path of Christian duty and left the straight and narrow way some little song learned in the Sabbath School, some short verse committed to memory, there may be the compass plant to lead us back to God. Let us then as a denomination rally to the Sabbath School and actively engage in its work. There are seats for all, and those who fail to fill them are losing the most glorious opportunities of this transitory life, yes the gray haired sire, whose silvery locks proclaim the frost of many winters; the tender mother who carries deep within her breast bright hopes for the future of her offspring; the joyous youth who has not yet learned of the vices that lead to folly with which his path is so thickly fraught, the blushing maiden who is perhaps unconcious of her undying influence in the family circle and the prattling child should all be congregated in the Sabbath School, for where the father, mother, and younger members of a family unite and study the lesson together it awakens a deeper interest in the minds of each, and a broader knowledge of the word of God is acquired and the result must be a stronger hold on its precious truths; one sees what the other does not, and thus they all become richer in Bible knowledge. Many Christians in this house to-day feel

Of all the lessons of our lives,
Of all the songs we've sung,
No song or lesson yet survives
The ones we've learned when young.

Forever will these memories last,
And their sweet influence rule,
And for the lessons of the past
God bless the Sabbath School.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM C. COOK, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

Report on Temperance was then offered by Brother J. W. Purifoy as follows, to-wit :

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee are of the opinion that too little importance is attached to the subject of Temperance by church members, what it is a deplorable fact that a large per cent of the crimes that are committed against the peace and dignity of the state of Alabama are directly traceable to the too free use of intoxicating liquors. This is especially found to be so in cases of murder as

well as other of the higher crimes so prevalent in the land. Hence your committee are constrained to say that intemperance is perhaps one among the greatest evils that the church of God has to encounter. Notwithstanding we are living in a progressive age of a high order of intelligence, where the gospel is constantly being preached, and in a land of Bibles as it were. Still our observation leads us to apprehend that intemperance is gaining ground and why it should be so is indeed strange, notwithstanding its demoralizing influence is so plain to be seen and so forcibly felt in every community to a greater or less degree. Still we have no better antidote to offer than the teaching of the Holy Bible as our faith and practice through life, because the Scriptures command temperance as one of the Christian graces, and we are taught to look not upon the wine when it giveth color in the cup, for it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.

Brethren, observation has taught us that intemperance wastes ters property, creates poverty, engenders disease and destroys intellect and brings disturbances in families and in the courts of the country, and has brooded darkness and dispair around the capitol of our government. Besides the disorganizing and corrupting influence of intemperance in the business affairs of the country, it has been seriously felt in the church of the most high God.

Your committee would therefore again point the brethren to the teachings of the Scripture as a sovereign remedy for this great enemy to society, and hence we urge a strict compliance with these great truths as the best means of steering safely through the turbulant waters of this great sea of intemperance as well as many other sins that are so fatal to the well being of mankind. And in conclusion your committee are constrained to the opinion that there is too much apathy on the part of some of our churches in regard to liquor drinking. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the several churches composing Pine Barren Association investigate the subject of temperance and see that the members of said churches live up to the gospel standard of discipline taught in the Scriptures and not relax their energies in this laudable enterprise until all of our churches and members shall be elevated to the rule laid down by Christ and his apostles. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. PURIFOY,
E. R. MCELROY,
DANIEL COOK.

The subject was discussed by Brethren S. O. Y. Ray, G. M. Parker, John W. Stewart and adopted.

Report on Denominational Literature was made by Bro. J. F. Fore, and is as follows, to-wit:

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

Your committee on Denominational Literature find it a hard subject to give a satisfactory report on, though above all other literature, we take the Holy Bible for our guide. As a denomination we find that it furnishes us all the instruction necessary for our salvation, if we will but follow its teachings and obey the commandments laid down in it. It teaches us our duty to our God, and tells us of His goodness; it also teaches us how we may be changed from nature's darkness to a marvelous light of liberty into a civilized nature and a religious worship.

The children have precious promises given them in this holy word. They are commanded to "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." The youth learns by accepting the Lord Jesus Christ, that he is promised all temporal blessings and eternal life. The old aged is promised that God will never leave him nor forsake him. The righteous have the promise that "I have never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed beg bread."

We, as a denomination, should familiarize ourselves with the word of God so we could always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is within us. We also should post ourselves on church history and on the workings of our denomination. In order to obtain this information, we would urge every Baptist family in the bounds of this Association, and throughout the entire state, to take and read the Alabama *Baptist*, published at Montgomery, Alabama. There is much information to be found in its columns that is instructive to our denomination and to individuals.

We also recommend the Texas *Baptist and Herald* as good denominational literature. It exposes evil and holds up the truth and righteousness to the world; while it does these things boldly and fearlessly, yet it is done in a spirit of meekness and love.

There is no excuse for any one being ignorant of the workings of our denomination while our denominational literature is so cheap and in reach of all. We, as Baptists, ought to be ready to defend our principles at all times and places by keeping ourselves posted and living holy lives, unspotted from the world,

and prove that we are contending for the faith once delivered to the saints.

There are other good denominational journals, but too numerous to mention in this report, though we would recommend them to the entire Baptist denomination throughout the country.

Our Sunday school literature is cheap and in abundance. We recommend the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia as a cheap and good literature for our Sunday schools. We also highly recommend the literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention as a good and suitable guide for our Sunday schools It is cheap enough that every church in the bounds of this Association should have a well organized school in it. We recommend *Kind Words* for the children to read. Published by the Southern Baptist Convention, of Nashville, Tennessee. Respectfully submitted,

J. F. FORE, Chairman.

This subject was discussed by Bros. S. O. Y. Ray, Dabney Palmer and adopted.

Motion was made by Bro. J. W. Purifoy and adopted to appoint a committee on Baptist Orphanage. Said committee was appointed consisting of Brethren S. J. Ansley, J. E. Knight, J. B. Powell. The committee on Queries. Requests and Nominations reported by Bro. J. T. Burson as follows, to-wit:

REPORT ON QUERIES. REQUETST AND NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that this Association hold its next annual session with Concord Church, Buena Vista, Monroe County, Ala., to convene Wednesday before the third Sunday, in September 1894, and to continue in session a sufficient length of time to transact the business of the Association. We recommend Dr. D. W. Ramsey as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Brother W. N. Huckabee alternate. We recommend as Executive Board, Brothers D. Palmer, J. B. McWilliams, Daniel Cook, J. B. Harper, and S. C. Cook. We also recommend Bro. A. P. Majors to preach the next annual sermon, Bro. J. B. Powell, alternate; Bro. G. M. Parker to preach a Missionary Sermon Wednesday night. Respectfully submitted,

F. M. FLETCHER,
J. C. WALTHALL,
JAS. T. BURSON,

Report of Committee on State of Religionand digest of letters as follows. (See statistics Associational year 1893.)

The Committee on Apportionment, reported as follows to-wit:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

We your Committee appointed to apportion amounts to the various churches composing this Association during the associational year respectfully submit the following:

	General Purposes.	Ministerial Education.
Ackerville	$ 25.00	$ 5.00
Allenton	35. 0	10.00
Bear Creek	15 00	5 00
Bethel	12 00	2.0 0
Bethsaida	125.00	10.00
Bell's Landing	15.00	2 00
Butler Springs	10.00	2.00
Camden	30.00	5.00
Centeninal	5.00	2.00
Concord	30 00	10.00
Enon	25.00	5.00
Fellowship	25.0	5.00
Friendship	100.00	10.00
Forest Home	40.00	12.00
Gullett's Bluff	10.00	10.00
Indian Springs	30. 0	5.00
Liberty	15.00	3. 0
Midway	20.00	5.00
Monterey	10.00	2.00
Mt. Pisga	10.00	2.50
Mt. Pleasant	30.00	3.00
Mt. Hope	5.00	2.00
New Providence	8.00	2.00
New Hope	15.00	2.50
Pineville	25.00	5.00
Pine Level	8 00	2.00
Rock West	30.00	5.00

Respectfully submitted,

SAM C. COOK.
S. J. ANSLEY.
E. J. BAILEY, JR.
W. A. J. ALBRITTON,
F. E. HEATON.

The Committee on Finance, through Bro. H. E. Melton, reported, which report was concurred in (See finance table). Said Committee also reported that they had examined the Treasurer's report and found it correct, which was concurred in.

Bro. J. W. Purifoy offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the thanks of Pine Barren Association is cordially tendered to the members of Friendship Church and the citizens of Pine Apple and community for the princely manner in which the Association has been entertained.

The Association united in singing a hymn and taking the parting hand. Prayer by Bro. Letcher. Adjourned to meet

with Concord Church, Buena Vista, Monroe Co., Ala., Wednesday before the 3d Sunday in September, 1894.

DANIEL COOK, Clerk. D. W. RAMSEY, Moderator.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions:—Daniel Cook, J. E. Gullette, J. P. Farley.
Home Missions:—J. G. Reynolds, S. J. Ansley, W. H. Watt.
Foreign Missions—O. J. Burson, J. T. Burson, John Sanders.
Sabbath Schools:—J. B. Harper, W. L. Fort, J. M. Cone.
Woman's Work:—W. N. Huckabee, F. M. Fletcher, A. P. Majors.
Temperance:—D. Palmer; W. A. Albritton, J. H. McWilliams.
Ministerial Education:—J. B. Powell, T. S. Packer, Jerry Gullette.
Denominational Education:—S. Moore, W. J. Melton, J. F. Fore.

ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS.

W. D. Ramsey, Pine Apple; W. D. Hubbard, Furman; A. P. Majors, Chestnut; P. J. Cree, Tinlea; J. S. Ridgway, Turk's Stand; R. S. Caple, Nellie; W. N. Huckabee, Camden; G. M. Parker, Fork; S. Moore, Stringfellow; J. B. Powell, Forest Home; S. J. Ansley, Forest Home.

J. W. PURIFOY'S RERORT.

To Pine Barren Association I beg leave to submit my annual report :

J. W. Purifoy Treasurer, in account with Pine Barren Association:

1892. DR.

Sept. 15th.	To cash from Finance Committee for minutes	$ 27.29
"	" " " " " " " Home Missions	56.84
"	" " " " " " " Foreign Missions	82.79
"	" " " " " " " State Missions	73.45
"	" " " " " " " Bible and Col	1.04
"	" " " " " " " Ministerial Ed	48.50
"	" " " " " " " Special Minister's Education	35.70
Sept 15th.	To cash from Finance Committee for amount collected to pay the clerk for his services which he gave to the permanant Minister's Educational fund	10.25
Sept. 15th.	To cash in hand of Treasurer of Permanent Ministerial Educational fund	100.00
Sept. 15th.	To notes in hand of Treasurer of the Beneficiaries of the Permanent Ministerial educational fund	393.75
Sept. 15th.	To total amount of vouchers in hands of treasurer	400.27
	Total	1.229.20

1892.	CREDIT.	
Sept. 15.	By cash paid Daniel Cook for minutes, v. 1	$ 27.29
" " " "	R. S. Capell, the Special Min. Ed. fund, v. 2	35.10
" " " "	W. B. Crumpton for Home Missions, v. 3	24.00
" " " "	" " Foreign Missions, v. 4	31.00
" " " "	" " State Missions, v. 5	45.00
Oct. 6. " " "	" " Home Missions, v. 6	30.00
" " " "	" " Foreign Missions, v. 7	48.00
" " " "	" " State Missions, v. 8	22.00
Oct. 10. " " "	Geo. W. Ellis for Ministerial Ed., v. 9	48.50
Oct. 13. " " "	W. B. Crumpton for Home Missions, v. 10	2.84
" " " "	" " Foreign Missions, v. 11	3.71
" " " "	" " State Missions, v. 12	6 45
" " " "	" " Bible and Col., v. 13	1.05
Sept. 13, 1893.	By notes of the several Beneficiaries in hand	468 75
"	By cash in hand of Treasurer of Permanent Ministerial Educational fund	35.25
	By total amount of vouchers in hand of Treasurer	400.27
	Total	$1,229.27

Which is respectfully submitted,

J. W. PURIFOY,
Treasurer Pine Barren Association.

We, the Committee of Finance, have examined the above report and find the same correct.

J. E. KNIGHT,
W. H. WATT,
H. E. MELTON.

Pine Apple, Ala., Sept. 15, 1893.

STATISTICS OF PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION, 1893.

CHURCH.	County.	PASTORS.	CLERK.	Clerk's P. O.	Membership last Reported.	Increase by				Decrease by				Present Membership.	Sunday School.			Preaching Sabbaths.	Prayer Meeting.	
						Baptism.	Letter.	Voucher.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.		Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Superintendent's Name and P. O. Address.		Reports	Reports Revival.
Ackerville	Wilcox	W. D. Hubbard	W. A. J. Albritton	Ackerville	82	5	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	86	7	45	W. Y. Thigpen	2	..	..
Allenton	Wilcox	D. W. Ramsey	W. M. Fitzgerald	Allenton	51	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	48	10	59	J. M. Walthall, Allenton.	..	..	..
Bear Creek	Wilcox	S. Moore	D. P. Watts	Coledonia	76	8	1	..	2	6	..	..	..	75	5	25	..	1	..	1
Bell's Landing	Monroe	W. N. Huckabee	O. H. Spencer	Sallie	20	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bethel	Monroe	A. P. Majors	E. B. Burges	Lockville	127	6	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	130	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bethsalda	Wilcox	W. D. Hubbard	W. M. Purifoy	Furman	146	1	4	..	..	6	..	..	1	144	12	84	..	1 & 3	1	..
Butler Springs	Butler	I. Q. Taylor	H. T. Seall	Stringfellow.	33	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	1	31	..	..	..	..	..	..
Camden	Wilcox	J. A. White	J. P. Faisly	Camden	72	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	75	9	55	..	3	..	..
Concord	Monroe	W. N. Huckabee	J. J. Finklea	Buena Vista	728	28	4	..	..	6	..	..	2	148	7	50	M. V. Middleton	3	..	1
Enon	Wilcox	I. S. Ridgeway	E. Burson	..	83	7	..	..	..	1	1	3	2	83	..	..	..	4	..	..
Forest Home	Butler	J. B. Powell	W. H. Watt	Monterey	118	2	6	..	..	9	6	..	..	111	6	52	J. H. Gray	2	1	1
Fellowship	Wilcox	J. B. Powell	J. E. Knight	..	24	16	5	..	..	2	..	..	1	42	6	40	Charlie Scott	3	..	1
Friendship	Wilcox	D. W. Ramsey	A. B. Gaston	Pine Apple	202	10	3	..	3	13	24	3	3	173	10	05	J. M. Cone	1 & 3	1	..
Gullette's Bluff	Wilcox	A. P. Majors	..	..	33	10	4	..	..	..	1	..	1	45	3	34	J. E. Finklea	1	1	..
Indian Springs	Monroe	A. P. Majors	J. E. Fore	..	..	3	4	..	..	4	..	7	6	73	5	34	W. R. Chaver	..	..	..
Liberty	Monroe	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
Midway	Monroe	I. S. Ridgeway	J. C. Anthoney	Abot.	115	13	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	124	4	35	..	2	..	1
Mt. Pisgah	Butler	A. A. Sims	J. T. Dean	..	55	2	1	..	1	3	5	..	1	60	..	..	..	1	..	..
Mt. Pleasant	Monroe	S. Moore	R. E. Coleman	Simpkinsville	109	7	2	..	..	4	1	..	1	112	7	50	J. J. Evers	2	..	..
New Hope	Monroe	A. P. Majors	H. O'Gwynn	Hatcher	58	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	56	..	..	W. M. Davidson	2	..	..
Mt. Hope	Wilcox	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Providence	Wilcox	J. B. Powell	T. S. Rocker	Coy	31	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	31	4	20	F. S. Rocker	..	..	..
Pine Level	Butler	A. A. Simms	W. B. Taylor	..	30	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pineville	Monroe	W. N. Huckabee	..	..	51	20	6	..	2	1	..	..	1	77	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rockwest	Wilcox	W. N. Huckabee	J. E. Gullet	..	58	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	1	51	..	..	..	..	1	..
Monterey	Butler	J. B. Powell	T. E. Knight	..	32	4	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	30	5	26	..	2 & 3	..	1
Shackelville	Butler	L. B. Chosan	J. J. Fail	..	40	5	..	..	..	1	..	17	2	25	4	45	J. D. Vickery	..	..	..
Totals	..	..	..	..	1776	151	42	..	9	84	42	30	28	1854	102	719	..	..	5	7

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Your Committee finds from the letters 25 Churches represented, reporting, 12 Sunday Schools 5 (five) prayer meetings 2 licensed and 8 (8) ordained ministers. We think with these a mighty onward movement should have been made, yet only seven (7 churches report revivals. We are afraid that the spirit of the Master is not permeating the lives of our people. Certainly our efforts have not been commensurate with the needs of the time.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Buildings Chapel Fund.	Centennial Offering.	Bible and Colportage.	Ministerial Education.	Minutes.	Sunday School. Am. Bap. Pub. Society.	Sunday School. School Expenses.	Womens Society. Foreign Missions.	Womens Society. State Missions.	Special Ministerial Education.	Orphans Home.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, The Poor, Etc., And Church Expense.	Value of Buildings And Furniture.
Ackerville		1 45	18 51		3 84			1 26				1 20			26 25			750 00
Allenton	5 00	10 00	10 00		8 00			1 60		42 00					86 60	200 00		1000 00
Bethsaida	4 55		92 86				15 00	4 00							126 41			
Butler Springs	2 36	2 00	2 00					75							7 11			
Bear Creek	1 32	1 34	1 34					50							4 50			
Bethel	6 60						1 30	1 10							9 00			
Bell's Landing	2 40	2 40	2 40		6 40			50	5 00						19 10	90 00		
Camden	2 35	2 60	2 35					1 50							8 80			
Concord	5 00	5 00	7 25	2 60	22 30		5 00	2 00		10 00	5 00			7 00	71 15	200 00		
Centennial																		
Enon	2 00	2 00	3 00					85							7 85			
Fellowship	5 00	5 00	5 00			3 50	5 00	1 25							24 75			
Forest Home	15 10	13 23	13 70			92	12 00	2 15		10 00				8 00	75 10		12 00	800 00
Friendship	20 85	10 03	10 83		43 50		7 00	3 00		36 57					131 78	200 00	100 75	1500 00
Flat Creek																		
Gullet's Bluff								1 00					13 65		14 65			
Indian Springs	1 10	1 10						90							3 10			
Liberty																		
Monterey	5 00	5 00	5 00				4 00	1 00							20 00			
Mt. Hope																		
Mt. Pisgah	1 50	1 50	2 00					70							5 70			
Mt. Pleasant		3 50	4 90					1 45							9 85			
Midway		5 00						50		2 00					8 00			500 00
New Providence	5 00						1 25	1 00							7 25	100 00		
New Hope			11 00					1 00							12 00			
Pine Level			3 00					1 00							1 00			
Pineville	3 00	2 00	1 65		16 00		5 00	1 00						10 00	40 00		15 00	
Rock West	13 50	1 66			16 30		15 00	2 00						7 00	57 12			
Shackelville	2 00							1 00							3 00			
	10 82													11 90	22 72			
Total amounts	$134 45	$75 31	$196 80	$2 60	$116 34	$4 42	$70 55	$33 00	$5 00	$100 57	$5 00	$1 20	$13 65	$ 43 90	$802 79	$790 00	$127 75	$4550 00

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